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- 25X1X1. Soviet troops arrived in Lodz for the first time on 3 July 1950. All the schools in the city have been prepared to serve as troop quarters. It is rumored that one Soviet division is located in Lodz and the vicinity.
- Soviet troops also arrived in Lowicz (Q53/P27), Kutno (Q53/O89) and Skier-niewice (Q52/P45). According to rumor these troops are part of two divisions, one of which probably bears the designation 270.
 - One Soviet division is located in Lomza (R54/F79) and Ostroleka (R54/F38), according to local residents. Division headquarters is reported to be in Ostroleka.
 - At least one Soviet division is located in the area between Przemysl (S50/V55) and the Carpathian Mountains. Division headquarters is located in Sanok (R50/-V02) according to local residents.
 - Large-scale Soviet troop movements have been observed in the area of Vilna. Troops are reported to be moving southwestward toward the Soviet-Polish border in the Polesia region. Troops are constantly on the move.
 - The Poles are being told that the newly arrived Soviet troops are in Poland to guarantee the peace.

25X1A Comment: This information is presumably based not on observation but on rumors rife among the Polish population in a time of political tension. The correctness of the report is therefore extremely questionable and it is forwarded with reserve. However, it does not seem wholly improbable that the report contains some basis in fact. The statement that no less than five Soviet divisions are in Poland seems to be an exaggeration. That Soviet troops have arrived in Poland is indicated by the following recent reports from sources operating independently of each other:

a. Two hundred Soviet soldiers were observed in Kutno by a fairly reliable source early in June. Between 300 and 400 soldiers were seen in Lodz by the same source in late June.

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- b. Seventeen thousand Soviet troops assembled in the Lowicz area on 17 June. According to rumor passed on by a usually reliable source, these troops were being readied for shipment westward.
- c. Soviet troops were observed in every large town along the Brest Litovsk - Frankfurt/Oder line in early June according to a railroad employee.
- d. The London publisher of the Polish newspaper, Dziennik Polski, ran an article on 3 July on the trial of a Polish citizen who received a sentence of four years in prison for "spreading rumors and false information". The defendant is alleged to have said that schools in Lodz were being prepared for use as quarters for Soviet troops. Troops were, according to the defendant, already stationed in Lowicz, Kutno and Skierniewice. The article concludes, "The severity of the sentence can be taken as proof of the fact that many people in the province of Lodz speak of a considerable influx of Soviet units. This is also proved by reports from home."
- e. These reports on the presence of Soviet troops in Poland are not clear. The tension since the Korean outbreak is fertile ground for wild rumors. These rumors may also be based on press dispatches. The movement of Soviet troops into areas west of the points where rail gauge changes from broad to standard would be a natural step in this crisis. However, rumors may also be based on the fact that Soviet units were transferred to points along the Vilna-Warsaw, Brest Litovsk-Warsaw-Poznan-Frankfurt/Oder and Lvov-Krakow-Gliwice rail lines for security reasons. No definite comment is yet possible.

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